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### Race Track Closing Is Asked By Covernment

### Urged To Shut By January 3

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WASHINGTON —(AP)—
The Government today asked all horse racing tracks in the country to shut down.

Acting with Presidential approval, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes urged the track managements to close their establishments by Jan. 3, 1945.

What Urginie and Louisiona Byrnes and the existing war situation demanded managewer and transportation now being used for He said he was urging the managements to refrain from resummarient; "at all tracks until war considered to the country," he added, "I am confident that the management of these tracks can be dependently to the country of the tracks can be dependently to the country of the countr

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### Yanks Spend Christmas In Palestine

In Palestine
By RELANAN MORIN
JERUSALEM—479 — American soldiers, who only two days
ago, were slogging through the
bloody turmoil of war on the
Western Front arrived in 35
rusalem today to celebrate the
birth of the Prince of Peace.
They came by airplane directly from the scenes of the
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# NOSES EQUILIBRIES By the associated press

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### Great Red Offensive Is Reported

101 Nazi Tanks -Destroyed

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW — (AP) — An
official Soviet announcement
of the destruction of 101 German tanks in a 24-hour period
ending Thursday night gave
realistic aupport today to
German reports that the Red
Army's great Winter offensive is getting under way.
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front now lies under hard, firm
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Wait For Real Break



FIGHTING MAN—Wearied after days of front line combat, his helmet mud caked, his face bearded and grimy, his oyes glazed from what he has seen. Sgt. John Parks, Mill Creek, Ind., arrives at a rest area behind the lines after his outfit is relieved. (Signal Corps Photo from Acme).

### Yanks Slaughter Nazis Caught Retreating Japs

Military Men Say Germany's Total Power Being Held Back

### Log Of Nazi Offensive

# WEATHER

# Weight Of Air Arm Is Thrown Into Struggle

Germans Only 29 Miles From Sedan-Yanks Hold Own To Northeast

Yanks Hold Own To Northeast

By James M. Long
Paris—(AP)—Allied air might lashed fiercely today in a break in the weather at Nazi armored columns, dealing repeated bomb smashes against the German offensive title that by Thuraday noon had reached within 29 miles of historic Sedan.

Preliminary reports indicated effective blows had been delivered by hundreds of heavy and fighter bombers at Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's surging drive.

Bad weather for a week has titled down the Allied air am but today its weight was thrown into the crucial balance.

From Bedan by Thuraday noon after a 64-mile drive through Lusembourg and into Belgum, and had entered the bypassed Belgian road hub of Bastogne.

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Warplanes Strike

### Weather Breaks In Allied Favor

LONDON—(AP)—Hundreds of war planes pounced on the German counter-offensive today despite fanatical Nazi opposition as the weather suddenly broke in Allied favorabunched in tight formations of 40 figures and 50 were tackled by American John and the state of the stat

Christmas Paper

### The News To Publish Monday Afternoon

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